THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION NO : 23994 of 2005

Dated: 27-01-2006

Between:

Duggyala Vasudeva Rao

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Superintendent of Police,

Warangal and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

O R D E R:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents.

The petitioner claims to be the Ward Member of Ward No.3 of Nallabelli village, Wardhannapet Mandal, Warangal District. It is stated that since he is active member of a political party, due to some disputes that arose with the opposite political parties and certain family disputes, he was wrongly implicated in two criminal cases. However, the same were compromised and closed.

The grievance of the petitioner is that in spite of the fact that no other crime is pending against him, the respondents have been continuing the rowdy sheet. The petitioner states that he hails from a respectable family and the action of the respondents in continuing the rowdy sheet and forcing him to attend the Police Station every week affects his life and liberty adversely. Hence, this writ petition seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in continuing

the rowdy sheet, as illegal and arbitrary.

A counter affidavit has been filed by the Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police, Wardhannapet Police Station in which the fact that no criminal cases are pending against the petitioner as of today has not been disputed. However, it is stated that in view of his involvement in the criminal cases earlier it has become inevitable for the respondents to keep a close watch on his movements and therefore, a rowdy sheet has been opened against him on 24-04-2003 and the same is being continued and renewed from time to time and it is extended up to 31-12-2005.

Since it is clear from the counter-affidavit that no other crime is pending against the petitioner, and even the two criminal cases which were earlier registered against him ended in acquittal, the continuation of the rowdy sheet against the petitioner appears to be unwarranted and not in accordance with the standing order No.742 of A.P. Police Standing Orders.

It is relevant to note that even according to the respondents, the rowdy sheet was extended only up to 31-12-2005. Nothing has placed before this court to show that the rowdy sheet has been extended beyond 31-12-2005.

In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to close the rowdy sheet, in case it is still being continued. No costs.

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G.ROHINI,J

27-01-2006

Note: Issue c.c. in three days.

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